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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to the first Office Action, kindly amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, before the first line, insert:

--This application claims priority to U.S. provisional patent application no. 60/199,556 filed April 25, 2000 and now expired.--

**REMARKS**

Although this preliminary amendment is being filed 16 months from the priority date and 4 months from the filing date, the priority claim was acknowledged in the filing receipt ( a copy of which is attached hereto). Therefore in accordance with 37 CFR 1.55, applicant has complied with the requirements for claiming priority and no petition or fee is required.

Entry of the above amendment is respectfully requested.

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